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In re Application of	:	
David C. Gibbon et al	:	
Application No. 09/891,371	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: June 26, 2001	:	
Attorney Docket No. 037691.99	:	

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed July 14, 2009, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The petition satisfies the conditions for revival pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that (1) the reply in the form of an amendment; (2) the petition fee; and (3) the required statement of unintentional delay have been received. Accordingly, the reply to the nonfinal rejection mailed August 1, 2008, is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

It is not apparent whether the person signing the statement of unintentional delay was in a position to have firsthand or direct knowledge of the facts and circumstances of the delay at issue. Nevertheless, such statement is being treated as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay. See 37 CFR 10.18(b) and Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure; Final Rule Notice, 62 Fed. Reg. 53131, 53178 (October 10, 1997), 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 63, 103 (October 21, 1997). In the event that such an inquiry has not been made, petitioner must make such an inquiry. If such inquiry results in the discovery that it is not correct that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional, petitioner must notify the Office.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3208.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 2628 for appropriate action by the Examiner in the normal course of business on the reply received July 14, 2009.

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